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OF THE

Municipal Officers

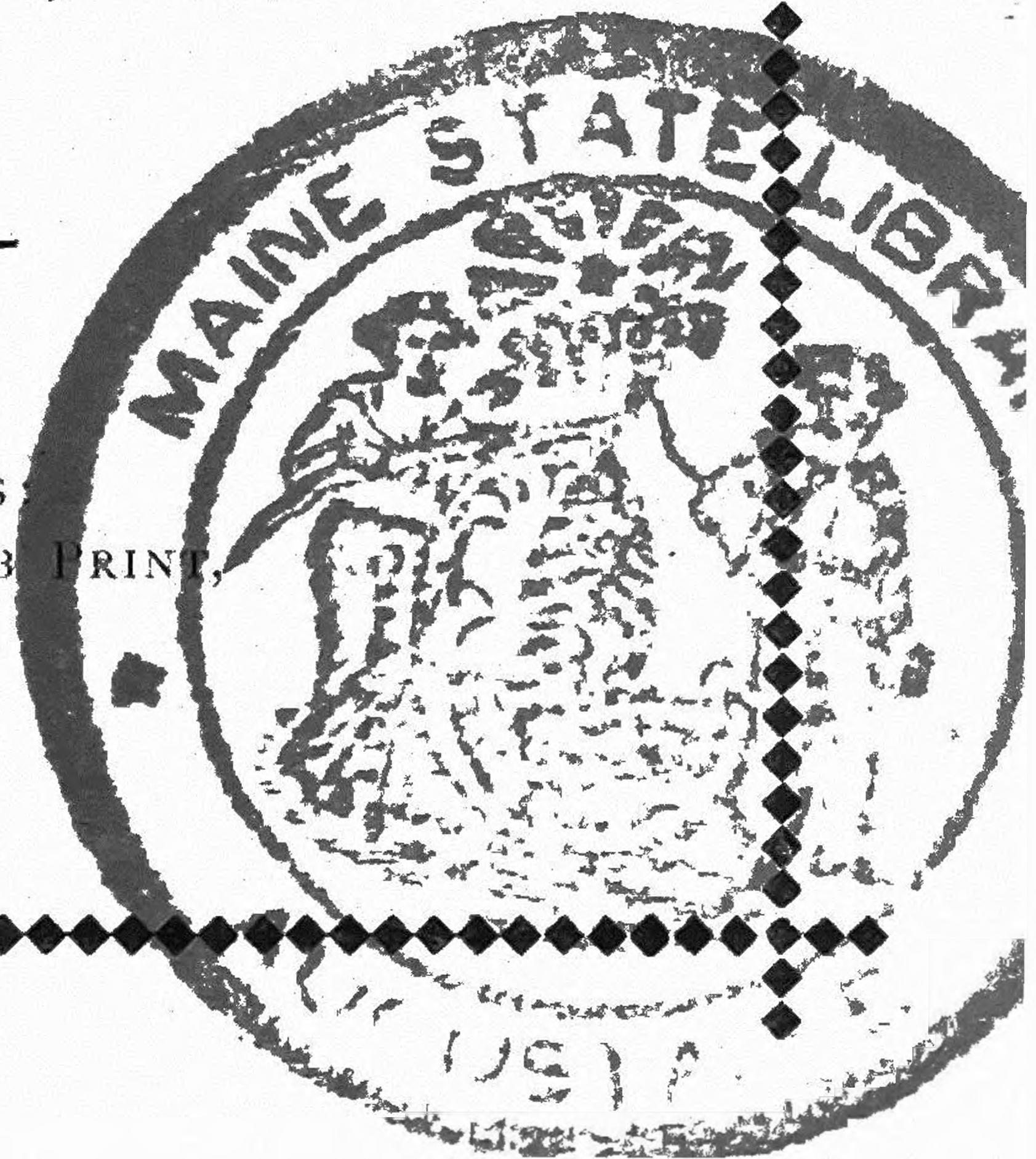
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Town Officers, 1899.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,

H. C. DUNTON, Y. A. THURSTON, J. S. MORSE.

Clerk.

F. O. EATON.

Treasurer,

F. B. MARTIN.

Collector,

HARRIS L. ELLIOTT.

Auditor,

HIRAM F. ABBOTT.

School Committee,

ARETAS E. STEARNS, ALVAH J. COLCORD, JOHN J. CALHOUN



Selectmen's Report.

VALUATION.

The resident real estate,	\$749,560 00
The resident personal estate,	133,747 00
The non-resident real estate,	462,770 00
The non-resident personal estate,	181,540 00
Total Valuation,	\$1,527,617

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax,	4,331 57
County tax,	2,676 26
Common schools,	3,500 00
Support of Poor,	1,000 00
Town debt and interest,	5,000 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	3,000 00
Repairs on roads and bridges,	6,000 00
School books,	500 00
Repairs on school houses,	600 00
Discount on taxes,	1,000 00
Free High Schools,	1,200 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
To buy vault for town books,	100 00
To purchase land to enlarge cemetery at Rumford Centre,	150 00
To purchase Docket and Record books for Municipal court,	50 00
For fencing cemetery at East Rumford,	100 00
Fractional overlay,	489 28
Total,	\$29,747 11

Number of polls, 900.

Rate of poll tax, \$2.50.

Amount of poll tax, \$ 2,250 00

Rate of property tax, .018.

Amount of property tax, 27,497 11

Supplementary tax, 10 80

Total commitment, \$29,757 91

POOR ACCOUNT.

DR.

To amount of appropriation, \$1,000 00

Received from the town of Greenwood for support
of H. O. Herrick's family, 220 65

Received from the town of Waterford for burying
Wm. Thomas' boy, 18 00

Received of the town of Wilton, acct. Chas.
Mayhew family, 36 95

Received Gagnon & Gauthier for error in the
Herrick family bill, 14 25

Received for sundry pauper bills refunded, 100 00

Due from town of Phillips, acct. Wm. Coffren, 71 15

Due from town of Wilton, acct. Chas. Mayhew, 45 05

Due from State, account of Benjamin Lord, 90 39

Due from State, account of Gardiner Lovejoy, 35 00

Due from the town of Waterford, account Wm.
Thomas, 7 75

\$1,639 19

EXPENSES OF POOR OFF TOWN FARM,

By cash paid for H. O. Herrick and family :

Rumford Land Co. for house rent, \$24 50

A. P. Hall for meat, 3 89

Gagnon & Gauthier for groceries, 32 80

J. J. Calhoun, goods, etc., 14 25

C. E. Fernald for medicine, 17 30

Waldo Pettengill, house rent,	14 00
J. H. McKeeman, wood,	32 50
C. M. Bisbee, medical attendance,	47 00
C. H. McKenzie & Co., goods,	15 48
Gagnon & Gauthier, groceries,	16 14
A. J. Knight for milk,	19 06

\$236 92

Paid Mrs. McIntire, care Benjamin Burgess' child,	\$19 00
Mrs. O. Matthews, rent for Mrs. Benj. Burgess,	5 00
Mrs. H. E. McIntire, care of Ben. Burgess' child,	8 00
J. H. McKeeman for wood,	5 25
G. A. Peabody & Co., goods,	14 61
James S. Morse, paid Mrs. McIntire,	12 50
G. A. Peabody & Co., goods,	3 79
A. L. Stanwood, medical attendance,	8 00

\$ 76 15

Paid for Mayhew and family:

A. P. Hall, eggs and meat,	\$ 4 97
A. Z. Cates for medicine,	13 13
F. E. Wheet, medical attendance,	5 00
" " " "	11 85
" " " "	2 00
" " " "	6 75
C. H. McKenzie & Co., goods,	1 35

\$ 45 05

Paid for the support of Wm. Coffren and family:

A. J. Marble for goods,	\$ 8 83
G. A. Peabody & Co., goods,	3 79
T. H. Burgess, goods,	6 04
F. H. Atwood & Co., goods,	7 08
" " " "	8 85

C. K. Barker, goods,	9 27	
D. W. Brown, goods,	10 00	
E. K. Day, goods,	2 62	
Harry Marx, goods,	4 75	
C. H. McKenzie & Co., goods,	4 00	
F. H. Atwood & Co., goods,	5 92	
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		\$ 71 15

Paid for the support of Joe Gallant and family:

G. A. Peabody & Co., goods,	\$9 41	
“ “ “ “	8 78	
F. H. Atwood & Co.,	5 00	
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		\$ 23 19

Paid for the support of Benjamin Lord:

T. H. Burgess for goods,	\$68 01	
F. H. Atwood & Co., goods,	2 21	
“ “ “ “	4 48	
“ “ “ “	3 00	
“ “ “ “	1 60	
A. C. Lane, hauling wood,	6 00	
C. H. McKenzie & Co., for goods,	1 75	
F. H. Atwood & Co.,	88	
D. W. Brown,	2 46	
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		\$ 90 39

Paid for the support of Geo. Bell family:

C. H. McKenzie & Co.,	\$ 10 10
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Paid for John Mitchell:

G. A. Peabody & Co., goods,	\$ 5 86
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Paid for burying Joe Pelky's child:

J. J. Calhoun,	\$ 5 00
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Paid for Eliza Bixby:

F. S. Hodsdon for goods,	\$ 4 72
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Paid B. Merritt for board of H. Graham,	\$ 7 00
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Paid for care of Frank Woods:

A. J. Marble for goods,	\$ 7 12	
H. L. Elliott, taking him to hospital,	22 55	
C. M. Bisbee, examination,	2 00	
F. E. Wheet, examination,	2 00	
Maine insane hospital,	37 78	
H. F. Abbott, medical attendance,	1 75	
Maine insane hospital,	33 19	
“ “ “	35 75	
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		\$ 142 14

Paid for the support of J. K. P. Simpson:

Town of Mechanic Falls,	\$77 49	
July 1, town of Mechanic Falls,	56 16	
Feb. 3, city of Auburn,	19 30	
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		\$ 152 95

Paid for the care of Gardner Lovejoy:

J. J. Calhoun, burial expenses,	\$30 00	
Otis Wyman, digging grave,	5 00	
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		\$ 35 00

Paid for the support of John D. Gibson:

A. Z. Cates,	\$11 48	
F. E. Wheet, medical attendance,	9 55	
C. F. Abbott for goods,	6 30	
“ “ “ “	15 12	
“ “ “ “	5 29	
C. H. McKenzie & Co., goods,	65	
J. H. McKeeman, wood,	5 00	
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		\$ 53 39

Paid for the support of Sarah Curtis:

Maine Industrial school,	\$13 00	
“ “ “	13 00	
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		\$ 26 00

Paid A. L. Stanwood for medical attendance, Mrs. Turple,	\$ 38 25
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Paid for Paul Perry and family:	
E. K. Day for goods,	\$2 62
C. H. McKenzie & Co.,	6 80
Gagnon & Gauthier,	5 36
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	\$ 14 78

Paid Lucilla Wyman:	
Care of Mrs. Paine,	\$ 17 95

Paid for Geo. Manson and family:	
J. J. Calhoun, burying child,	\$ 8 75
H. L. Elliott, taking Mrs. Manson to in sane hospital,	15 30
R. J. Virgin, goods,	8 20
Insane hospital,	9 96
F. E. Wheet, examining Mrs. Manson,	2 00
C. M. Bisbee, " " "	2 00
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	\$ 46 21

Paid for the support of Chas. Moody:	
T. H. Burgess, goods,	\$ 11 83

Paid for the support of D. C. Bradeen:	
T. H. Burgess for goods,	\$ 12 40

Paid for the support of Joe Labell and family:	
Nelson Bushley, for moving family,	\$1 50
Gagnon & Gauthier for goods,	3 05
Gonya Bros. for goods,	4 20
J. H. McKeeman for wood,	1 25
Willis C. Hemingway for rent,	3 50
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	\$ 13 50

Paid for the support of William Thomas
and family:

Henry A. Stevens, casket for boy,	\$18 00
T. H. Burgess for goods,	4 25
E. F. Abbott for digging grave,	3 50
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	\$ 25 75

Paid for the support of Rosa King and
family:

C. M. Bisbee, medical attendance,	\$5 00
F. H. Atwood & Co., goods,	3 13
J. H. McKeeman, wood,	2 50
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	\$ 10 63

Paid for sundry pauper bills,	15 95
Paid " " " "	169 00
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Total paid out,	1,366 02
Undrawn,	273 17
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	\$1,639 19

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

——DR.——

Paid F. H. Atwood & Co., goods,	\$ 5 31
S. P. Abbott on salary,	50 00
W. J. Kimball for oxen,	150 00
S. P. Abbott on salary,	75 00
Mrs. S. P. Abbott on salary,	50 00
J. S. Morse for grain,	21 85
G. A. Peabody & Co., goods,	1 50
C. H. Abbott for use of team,	9 25
S. P. Abbott, part salary for 1899,	50 00
G. A. Peabody & Co., goods,	1 97
C. H. Abbott, use of team,	5 00

Paid Stanley Bisbee, goods,	1 00
J. S. Morse for grain,	17 40
F. O. Walker, goods and labor,	10 19
F. B. Carroll, " " "	3 46
J. H. McKeeman for weighing,	60
Goods bought by S. P. Abbott,	20 09
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	\$472 62

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By hay sold by J. H. Martin,	\$ 12 00
Cream sold,	103 23
Pair oxen sold,	165 00
3 veal calves sold,	18 00
1 hog " "	14 07
1 cow " "	28 00
Due from J. W. Withee for hay and straw,	36 50
Eggs and chickens sold by S. P. Abbott,	27 72
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	\$404 52
Amount of expense above income,	\$68 10
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	\$472 62

There has been supplied to paupers on the town farm 3½ weeks' board, and 20 meals to tramps, and the support of Levi Bixby's girl for the year.

INVENTORY OF TOWN FARM PROPERTY.

75 bushels potatoes.	5 bushels beans.
10 tons hay.	1 M. lumber.
1 barrel pork.	3 M. shingles.
5 cows.	11 cords wood.
1 year old.	20 hens.
Town farm,	\$2,500 00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

—DR.—

To appropriated and assessed,	\$3,000 00
Received for fines and licenses,	23 00
Due from State, sheep killed by dogs,	23 50
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	\$3,046 50

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By paid.—

M. F. Ryan, returning births and deaths,	\$ 6 00
J. S. Sturtevant, returning births and deaths,	4 75
E. N. Carver, printing town report 1898,	45 60
F. B. Martin for check book,	2 00
F. E. Wheet, returning births and deaths,	4 00
C. E. Fernald, supplies, selectmen,	3 65
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books,	28 93
H. L. Elliott, per order board health,	6 00
A. E. Morrison, collector's bonds,	75 00
John J. Calhoun, chairs selectmen's office,	3 50
C. M. Bisbee, returning births and deaths,	10 75
W. O. Raynes, services making tax,	36 25
Geo. W. Stearns, team for superintendent,	5 25
G. W. Johnson, part pay services Supt.,	46 50
Fred O. Eaton, services making tax,	33 75
Freeland Howe, insurance on lockup,	5 00
G. W. Johnson, part pay services Supt.,	27 25
Rumford Falls Pub. Co., printing dog notices,	75
C. F. Abbott, services as janitor town meeting,	3 00
Union Safe Dep. & Trust. Co. Treas. Bond,	25 00
W. O. Raynes, services on valuation book,	3 75
V. A. Linnell, labor on voting booths,	1 00
R. F. Light & Water Co., lights at lockup,	12 00
G. W. Johnson, services as Supt. of schools,	16 40
Howard Bros., labor on lockup,	7 16
R. F. Publishing Co., printing town warrants,	10 40

Chas. E. Fernald, supplies, selectmen,	1 95
John J. Calhoun, disinfecting Lagigue house,	3 00
F. E. Wheet, " " "	3 00
H. L. Elliott, part pay as collector,	146 89
J. H. Martin, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
F. O. Eaton, clerk for selectmen,	7 50
G. W. Johnson, services as Supt. of schools,	10 00
H. L. Elliott, part pay as collector,	116 14
M. F. Ryan, returning births and deaths,	3 25
Y. A. Thurston, expenses to Paris, Swain Notch road,	5 20
A. K. Lord, supplies for lockup,	1 40
C. F. Abbott, janitor at town meeting,	1 00
H. E. Stillman for damages on highway,	4 30
R. F. Publishing Co., printing,	2 00
A. J. Colcord, sheep killed by dogs,	2 50
Rumford Falls Pub. Co., printing bonds and advertising, etc.,	41 20
G. W. Johnson, services as superintendent of schools,	31 65
John E. Stephens, land damage for road in Vir- ginia,	100 00
V. D. Kimball, sheep killed by dogs,	6 00
R. F. Publishing Co., printing permits,	1 00
A. L. Stanwood, returning births and deaths,	10 50
G. W. Stearns, team for Supt. of schools,	15 00
H. L. Elliott, part pay as collector,	41 48
R. F. Publishing Co., warrant for town meeting,	1 25
Elisha Pratt for check book,	2 00
F. E. Wheet, services as member of board of health,	12 50
C. F. Abbott, janitor at town meeting,	2 00
G. W. Johnson, services as Supt. of schools,	33 90
John P. Swasey, legal services acct. Swain notch road,	89 97
J. W. Withee, team to Andover,	5 00

William J. Kimball, sheep killed by dogs,	12 00
Bisbee & Parker, legal services, 1898-9,	78 10
H. L. Elliott, balance for collecting taxes for 1898,	90 00
H. L. Elliott, posting town warrants,	6 00
H. L. Elliott, services as truant officer,	10 00
H. L. Elliott, collecting acct. sidewalk,	3 33
H. L. Elliott, collecting on tax 1899,	6 65
F. O. Eaton, services as clerk for selectmen,	5 00
Chas. E. Fernald, supplies for selectmen,	45
W. J. Kimball, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
A. J. Colcord, services as school committee, 1899,	24 00
John J. Calhoun, " " " " "	24 00
A. E. Stearns, " " " " "	24 00
F. E. Wheet, returning births and deaths,	3 25
Loring, Short & Harmon, order book,	4 50
Stanley Bisbee, pails for lockup,	1 50
G. W. Johnson, services as Supt. of schools to Feb. 3, 1900,	22 00
Geo. W. Stearns, team for Supt. of schools,	4 50
M. N. Lufkin, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
C. M. Bisbee, returning births and deaths,	6 25
Fred A. Porter, services as member of board of health,	35 00
J. H. McKeeman, wood for lockup,	11 00
F. B. Martin for expenses,	27 69
H. J. Binford, returning births and deaths,	1 00
F. E. Wheet, for vaccinating,	87 05
H. F. Abbott, " "	37 50
J. W. Stuart, " "	87 50
A. L. Stanwood, " "	93 00
M. F. Ryan, " "	185 00
C. M. Bisbee, " "	280 00
F. H. Houghton, " "	5 00
Fred A. Porter, services as member of board of health, 1898,	41 00

J. F. DeCosta, services as member of school committee, 1898,	6 00
J. L. Hoyle, services as member of school committee, 1898,	18 00
J. J. Calhoun, services as member of school committee, 1898,	24 00
M. F. Corson, Supt. of schools, 1898,	40 00
H. C. Dunton, services as selectman, 1898,	100 00
J. H. Martin, " " "	150 00
F. B. Martin, services as treasurer, 1898,	100 00
Fred O. Eaton, services as town clerk, 1898,	50 50
A. J. Colcord, services as school committee, 1898,	24 00
J. W. Stuart, services as member of board of health, 1898,	10 00
T. H. Burgess, damage on highway,	19 00
H. C. Dunton, cash paid out,	49 06
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Total paid out,	\$2,938 05
Undrawn,	108 45
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Total available fund,	\$3,046 50

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Amount appropriated and raised,	\$6,000 00
Cash paid for labor and material under the direction of C. H. Graham:	
Lander & Bisbee,	\$ 18 48
Geo. W. Tibbetts, repairs on road machine,	10 00
F. P. Putnam for labor,	2 00
Geo. Jackson for water tub for 1898,	2 50
C. H. Graham,	160 32
C. H. Graham,	1,000 00
G. C. Eastman for water tub,	2 50
F. M. Thurston, labor,	30 26
Aben Robinson, "	64 10

John N. Welch,	"	51 85
Geo. W. Curtis,	"	1 05
B. Fernald,	"	28 84
W. H. Thurston,	"	29 97
C. H. Graham,	"	4 64
E. E. Abbott,	"	11 92
P. O. Howard,	"	2 50
Waldo Pettengill,	"	18 30
W. S. Richardson,	"	40 60
S. R. Thurston,	"	4 58
R. L. Thurston,	"	30 78
D. F. Roberts,	"	9 15
J. P. Roberts,	"	5 48
G. F. Elliott,	"	17 50
G. T. Thurston,	"	31 13
Chas. F. Wheeler,	"	6 93
A. D. Curtis,	"	3 00
G. R. Hodgdon,	" and water tub,	3 50
Geo. H. Howe,	"	2 00
C. H. Farnham,	"	1 80
R. E. Martin,	"	31 90

\$1,627 58

Cash paid out under the direction of Aben Robinson :

1899.

May	6.	For labor and material,	169 22
June	3.	" " " "	378 58
		R. F. Light & Water Co., for water tub, Congress St.,	10 00
July	1.	For labor and material,	341 38
		Dunton Lumber Co., for lumber,	38 10
		H. G. Thayer, " "	131 86
		Fred B. Carroll for labor and material,	145 24
		J. W. Simpson, " " " "	95 40
		F. O. Walker, " " " "	22 49
		Aben Robinson for services as road commissioner,	68 04
		For labor and material,	300 00

Aug.	3.	Aben Robinson for services as road commissioner,	13 75
Sept.	3.	Dunton Lumber Co. for lumber,	161 78
		Aben Robinson for labor and material,	203 43
		Stanley Bisbee, material,	8 93
		Aben Robinson for services as road commissioner,	47 25
Oct.	7.	Aben Robinson for services as road commissioner,	8 63
		For labor and material,	50 00
		Dunton Lumber Co., lumber,	93 42
Nov.	4.	Labor and material,	83 25
		Dunton Lumber Co., lumber,	19 86
		Aben Robinson for services as road commissioner,	36 60
Dec.	2.	Labor and material,	76 00
		Aben Robinson, services as road commissioner,	28 76
		Dunton Lumber Co.,	9 51
1900.			
Jan.	6.	Labor and material,	59 45
Feb.	3.	" " "	102 16
		Aben Robinson, services as road commissioner,	26 55
		Dunton Lumber Co., lumber,	12 94
		Aben Robinson, services as road commissioner,	21 37
Feb	12.	Labor and material,	48 13
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			\$2,812 08

Cash paid out under the direction of Wirt Colby:

1899.			
May	6.	Labor and material,	\$188 07
June	3.	" " "	234 21
June	3.	"	85 50
July	1.	" and material,	259 85

July	1.	Services as road commissioner,	\$48 37
July	1.	Labor and material,	100 00
Aug.	5.	Services as road commissioner,	21 37
		Labor and material,	200 00
Sept.	3.	Services as road commissioner,	36 00
		Labor and material,	100 00
		Dunton Lumber Co., lumber,	9 29
Oct.	7.	Services as road commissioner,	16 57
		Labor and material,	50 00
Nov.	4.	" " "	8 50
		Services as road commissioner,	27 00
Dec.	2.	Labor and material,	26 95
		Services as road commissioner,	20 25
1900.			
Jan.	6.	Labor and material,	12 75
Feb.	3.	" " "	253 95
Feb.	3.	Services as road commissioner,	22 50
Feb.	12.	Labor and material,	11 70
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			\$1,732 83

Cash expended by direction of the selectmen :

Geo. W. Jackson for water tub for 1897,	\$ 2 50
J. H. McKeeman, sprinkling streets and sanding sidewalk, 1897,	24 15
J. H. McKeeman, sprinkling streets and sanding sidewalk, 1898,	60 00
F. B. Carroll, labor and material on sewers, 1898-9,	28 34
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\$114 99	

Total amt. paid out,	\$6,287 48
Total available funds,	6,000 00
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Overdrawn,	\$287 48

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Amt. appropriated by the town,	\$1,200 00	
Received from State,	250 00	
Received for tuition,	103 50	
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		\$1,553 50
Paid bills approved by the S. S. Committee,		1,458 46
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Undrawn,		\$95 04

TEXT BOOKS.

Amt. appropriated and raised,	\$500 00	
appropriated at special town meeting Oct. 9,	350 00	
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		\$850 00
Paid bills approved by superintending school com,	\$834 48	
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Undrawn,		\$15 52

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Amt. appropriated at annual town meeting,	\$3,500 00	
appropriated at special town meeting Oct. 9,	350 00	
appropriated at special town meeting Nov. 27,	2,250 00	
Received from the State, interest on school fund,	175 80	
School fund and mill tax,	2,081 44	
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		\$8,357 24
Paid bills approved by Supt. school committee:		
Fuel,	\$ 553 31	
Janitors,	559 75	
Conveying scholars,	58 00	
Conveying teachers,	1 50	
Teaching,	5,821 60	
Miscellaneous,	148 12	
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		\$7,142 28
Undrawn,		1,214 96
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		\$8,357 24

REPAIRS.

Appropriated and raised,	\$600 00
Received from Hugh J. Chisholm,	100 00
“ “ lumber sold,	3 00
“ “ C. W. Cary's pupils,	45 00
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	\$748 00
By paid bills approved by the superintending school committee,	\$810 58
Overdrawn,	62 58
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	\$748 00

AMOUNT VOTED FOR MAINE AVENUE SCHOOL
HOUSE.

To finish off the upper room,	\$500 00
Cash paid out by bills approved by the superintending school committee:	
John Welch, trucking seats,	\$ 15 52
Piqua School Furniture Works, seats,	141 00
E. P. Wood, labor and material,	248 75
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	\$405 27
Undrawn,	94 73
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	\$500 00

AMOUNT VOTED FOR REPAIRS OF VIRGINIA
SCHOOL HOUSE.

To finish off the upper room,	\$500 00
Cash paid for bills approved by the superintending school committee:	
C. L. Howard, labor and material,	\$300 00
C. L. Howard, “ “ “	16 94

John Welch, trucking seats,	\$17 92
Piqua School Furniture Works, seats,	117 60
W. R. Burt,	5 00
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	\$457 46
Undrawn,	42 54
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	\$500 00

ENLARGEMENT OF CEMETERY, RUMFORD CTR.

Appropriation to purchase land to enlarge the cemetery at Rumford Center,	\$150 00
By cash paid Hiram R. Swain,	145 00
Undrawn,	\$5 00

MUNICIPAL COURT BOOKS AND DOCKET.

Amount raised to purchase municipal court books and docket,	\$50 00
By cash paid G. W. Johnson,	50 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount appropriated for Memorial day,	\$50 00
By cash paid Frank Martin,	50 00

VAULT ACCOUNT.

Amount appropriated to purchase vault,	\$100 00
By cash paid R. F. Power Co.,	100 00

FENCING EAST RUMFORD CEMETERY.

Amount appropriated to aid the fencing of East Rumford cemetery,	\$100 00
This appropriation remains undrawn.	

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Amt. appropriated for discount on taxes,	\$1,000 00
Discount allowed to July 1, 1899, at 6	
per cent,	\$1,175 99
Discount allowed to Nov. 1, 1899, at 3	
per cent,	87 08
	<hr/> \$1,263 07

ABATEMENTS, 1898.

Poll taxes, Alfred LePlant, W. L. Lambert and	
others,	\$477 79
Property tax:	
H. O. & Frank Stanley, error,	\$20 00
P. B. Clark, error,	9 25
F. H. Bartlett, acct. breaking roads,	6 24
Loring F. Swain, " " "	9 07
R. F. Trust Co., error,	8 70
	<hr/> \$ 53 26
	<hr/> \$531 05

Financial Standing of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Town bonds at 4 per cent,	\$49,000 00
Trustees of school fund,	2,930 00
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	\$51,930 00

Outstanding Bills:

Selectmen's salary, estimated,	\$350 00
F. B. Martin, treasurer,	100 00
F. O. Eaton, town clerk,	25 00
S. P. Abbott, Supt. town farm, bal.,	75 00
Mrs. S. P. Abbott, matron,	50 00
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	\$600 00
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Total,	\$52,530 00

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$3,514 15
Due from State for pensions,	384 00
from State, acct. free high school,	125 00
H. L. Elliott, collector, 1899,	5,652 41
from town of Phillips, for support of Wm. Coffren,	71 15
from town of Wilton, acct. Chas. Mayhew,	45 05
from town of Waterford, acct. Wm. Thomas,	7 75
from the State, acct. Benjamin Lord,	90 39
from the State, acct. Gardner Lovejoy,	35 00
from the State, acct. of sheep killed by dogs,	23 50
Town farm, stock, etc.,	2,800 00
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	\$12,748 40
Liabilities over assets,	39,781 60

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of orders drawn to Feb. 15th, 1900:

Poor,	\$1,366 02
Town charges,	2,938 05
Roads and bridges,	6,287 48
Schools,	7,142 28
Free High school,	1,458 46
School books,	834 48
School house repairs,	810 58
Maine avenue school house,	405 27
Virginia school house,	457 46
Town farm expenses,	452 53
Cemetery lot,	145 00
Municipal court docket books, etc.,	50 00
Memorial day,	50 00
Vault for town books,	100 00
Abatement on taxes, 1898,	531 05
Discount on taxes, 1899,	1,263 07
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	\$24,291 73

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Discount on taxes,	\$1,000 00
Town debt and interest,	3,300 00
Support of poor,	1,500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	2,200 00
Repairs on roads and bridges,	6,000 00

Agreeable to a vote of the town at a special town meeting held Aug. 21st, 1899, the selectmen issued \$30,000, 4 per cent. coupon town bonds, payable in twenty years, redeemable at the option of the town after ten years, for the purpose of funding such a part of the town debt as was in notes. After some difficulty the bonds were sold and the amount received was as follows:

Principal,	\$30,000 00
Premium,	1,938 00
Accrued Interest,	118 88
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Total,	\$32,056 88

After the sale of the bonds all outstanding notes were called in and paid in full with interest. The total town debt at the present time consists of the \$49,000 of bonds except the permanent funds, which are a liability only to the amount of the annual interest.

Treasurer's Report.

Feb. 13, 1899.

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To cash from preceeding year,	\$ 1,963 69
J. H. Martin, hay sold,	12 00
Notes given 4 per cent,	2,670 00
" " 5 "	23,000 00
State, acct. pensions paid, 1898,	444 00
State, bounty on bears,	5 00
State, dog license refunded, 1898,	95 40
State, R. R. and Tel. tax, 1899,	374 34
State, school fund and mill tax, 1899,	2,081 44
State, sheep killed by dogs,	48 00
Error on order No. 462, 1898,	216 00
Int. on school fund note,	175 80
Town of Phillips, acct. Coffren family,	10 00
Town of Wilton, acct. Mayhew family,	63 45
Town of Mercer, acct. Williamson family,	154 60
Town of Greenwood, acct. Herrick family,	475 70
H. J. Chisholm for laboratory,	100 00
C. W. Cary's pupils, laboratory,	45 00
Cream sold from town farm,	103 23
F. O. Eaton, dog license,	130 00
A. E. Morrison, license auctioneer,	2 00
Gagnon & Gauthier, refunded error pauper bill,	14 25
Bonds sold,	30,000 00
Premium on bonds sold,	1,938 00
Accrued interest on bonds sold,	118 88
Cong. Society fund to be held in trust for all time,	
4 per cent,	1,000 00
G. W. Johnson, tuition to high school,	88 50

G. W. Johnson, lumber sold,	3 00
C. W. Cary, tuition to high school,	15 00
H. L. Elliott, Coll. year 1898,	4,933 18
H. L. Elliott, Coll. year 1899,	24,094 70
H. L. Elliott for sidewalks,	166 82
Y. A. Thurston, license F. J. Rolfe to sell fire- works,	4 00
J. S. Morse, license Opera Co.,	3 00
J. S. Morse, license H. S. Simansky to peddle,	3 00
Sundry pauper bills refunded,	100 00
H. C. Dunton, oxen sold,	165 00
H. C. Dunton, stock sold,	60 07
H. C. Dunton, license Bucknam to auctioneer,	1 00
H. C. Dunton, license J. W. Withee, pool room,	10 00
H. C. Dunton, part office rent from G. W. John- son,	30 00
H. C. Dunton, town of Litchfield, acct. E. B. Small,	13 26
H. C. Dunton, town of Waterford, acct. of Wm. Thomas,	18 00

\$94,949 31

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By paying interest on bonds,	\$ 800 00
Bonds,	1,000 00
County tax for 1899,	2,676 26
State " " "	4,331 57
State, dog license, 1899,	130 00
Interest on school fund note,	175 80
Pensions, year 1899,	384 00
Notes and interest,	57,645 80
Town orders, (600)	24,291 73
Cash balance in treasury,	3,514 15

\$94,949 31

F. B. MARTIN, Treas.

Rumford, Feb. 15, 1900.

Rumford, Feb. 19th, 1900.

This certifies that we, the undersigned, have carefully examined the above account and find it correct; and there is in the hands of the Treasurer, three thousand five hundred fourteen dollars and fifteen cents.

H. C. DUNTON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
Y. A. THURSTON,	
JAMES S. MORSE,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Rumford.</i>

Rumford, Feb. 19th, 1900.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of F. B. Martin, treasurer of the town of Rumford, and find the same correctly cast as stated; that the item of twenty-four thousand two hundred ninety-one dollars and seventy-three cents (\$24,291.73) for orders paid, I have examined each order and find the same to amount to said sum, together with the vouchers on file with the selectmen.

H. F. ABBOTT, Auditor.

Report of School Committee.

We, your school committee, respectfully submit the following financial statement, that the citizens may understand how the school fund has been expended.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Paid Nina Fosdick,	teaching,	\$19 50
Sara E. Eaton,	"	28 00
Lucy Lufkin,	"	48 00
Lilla Curtis,	"	22 00
H. M. Bisbee,	"	24 00
Lucena Graham,	"	1 00
Anna Farnum,	"	20 00
Juliet Kimball,	"	39 00
Julia Morton,	"	18 00
Sue Thompson,	"	24 00
Florence Kimball,	" asst.,	8 00
Jennie Martin,	"	20 00
Mary Harlow,	"	20 00
Lucy Lufkin,	"	16 00
Lilla Curtis,	"	22 00
H. M. Bisbee,	"	24 00
Anna Farnum,	"	20 00
Juliet Kimball,	"	13 00
Julia Morton,	"	18 00
Sue Thompson,	"	24 00
Florence Kimball,	"	4 00
Jennie Martin,	"	20 00
Mary Howe,	"	20 00
C. H. Tripp,	fuel,	8 75
J. L. Bragg,	"	12 00
Samuel Thurston,	"	25 00
A. J. Colcord,	"	2 00

\$520 25

The above bills were paid by committee of 1898-99 after town report was made and before committee of 1899-00 assumed their duties.

COMMON SCHOOL BILLS PAID.

Amount of common school bills paid previous to first meeting of committee of 1899-'00 as per above statement, \$520 25

Following bills approved April 1st, 1899:

Paid Anna O. Farnum,	teacher,	for '98,	\$ 80 00
C. F. Abbott,	janitor,	"	139 25
J. J. Calhoun,	supplies,	"	23 60
Ina L. Parlin,	teacher,	"	77 00
J. H. McKeeman,	fuel,	"	25 90
John A. Bixby,	janitor,	"	5 75
Lilla E. Curtis,	teacher,	"	44 00
Annie J. Martin,	"	"	48 00
Mrs. M. Conroy,	janitor,	"	6 50
Ray N. Vaughn,	"	"	18 00
Eva R. Bennett,	"	"	17 00
Ralph M. Austin,	"	"	3 00
Julia P. Morton,	teacher,	"	36 00
Jennie Martin,	"	"	40 00
Silas W. Roberts,	fuel,	"	6 00
H. M. Bisbee,	teacher,	"	48 00
Mary E. Howe,	"	"	40 00
Sue Thompson,	"	"	48 00
Annie M. Abbott,	"	"	84 00
Mary E. Hoyt,	"	"	72 00
Pearl A. Robertson,	"	"	60 00
Mary E. Hoyt,	"	"	6 00
Florence E. Kimball,	"	"	8 00
Juliet Kimball,	"	"	26 00
D. R. Elliott,	fuel,	"	7 00
Mary W. Abbott,	janitor,	"	3 00
Alice Lovejoy,	teacher,	"	71 50
Sara E. Eaton,	"	"	49 00
Nina A. Fosdick,	"	"	32 50
Katherine Elliott,	"	"	30 00

Paid Lee W. Elliott,	janitor,	"	\$ 3 00
Retha A. Glover,	teacher,	"	78 00
Georgie A. Putnam,	"	"	96 00

The following bills approved May 6th, 1899:

Paid Charles D. Howard,	fuel,	'98	12 25
Elwin Elliott,	janitor,	"	3 00
Percy Bellows,	jan. & cleaning,	"	5 00
Mrs. M. F. Virgin,	cleaning,	'99	3 00
F. W. Curneil,	trucking,	"	1 50
A. C. Segar,	fuel,	'98	11 00
Ray M. Vaughn,	janitor,	"	3 00
Chas. C. Virgin,	"	"	1 50
Fred Grant,	janitor,	'98,	9 00
Sara E. Eaton,	teacher,	'99,	28 00
S. A. Austin,	fuel,	"	15 00
A. J. Colcord,	trucking,	"	3 00
Sue A. Thompson,	teacher,	"	48 00
Mary E. Howe,	"	"	40 00
Jennie Martin,	"	"	40 00
Lilla Curtis,	"	"	44 00
H. M. Bisbee,	"	"	48 00
Mrs. G. W. Curtis,	cleaning,	"	12 00
J. H. McKeeman,	fuel,	"	3 75
Lucy Lufkin,	teacher,	"	32 00

Approved June 3d, 1899, the following:

Paid P. O. Howard,	janitor,	99	2 00
Sara E. Eaton,	teacher,	"	28 00
H. M. Bisbee,	"	"	48 00
Lilla E. Curtis,	"	"	44 00
Annie Farnum,	"	"	80 00
Jennie Martin,	"	"	40 00
Sue A. Thompson,	"	"	48 00
S. R. Thurston,	fuel,	"	82 37
Esther Moore,	teacher,	"	40 00
C. F. Wheeler,	cleaning,	"	2 00
Mary E. Howe,	teacher,	"	40 00
Wirt Colby,	fuel,	"	1 16

Approved June 16th, 1899, the following:

Paid Esther L. Moore,	teacher,	'99	\$ 10 00
Sara E. Eaton,	"	"	14 00
Jennie Martin,	"	"	20 00
Pearl M. Elliott,	"	"	90 00
Anna O. Farnum,	"	"	20 00
C. F. Abbott,	janitor,	"	119 00
Sue Thompson,	teacher,	"	24 00
Mary E. Howe,	"	"	20 00
H. M. Bisbee,	"	"	24 00
Lilla Curtis,	"	"	22 00

Approved July 1st, 1899, the following:

Paid Mary E. Martin,	teacher,	'99	54 00
Mabel Curtis,	"	"	60 00
Ina Silver,	"	"	70 00
Ina Parlin,	"	"	60 00
Annie Martin,	"	"	60 00
Mary E. Hoyt,	"	"	60 00
Fred E. Grant,	janitor,	"	4 00
Ray Vaughn,	"	"	8 00
Lucy Lufkin,	teacher,	"	80 00
Walter Small,	janitor,	"	10 00
Kate Abbott,	cleaning,	"	2 00
Pearl Robertson,	teacher,	"	60 00
Juliet Kimball,	"	"	65 00
Florence Kimball,	"	"	50 00
Blanche R. Small,	"	"	60 00
Fred J. Rolfe,	supplies,	"	1 50

Approved, Aug. 5th, the following:

Paid Luania Lane,	teacher,	'99,	32 00
Berta Austin,	cleaning,	"	2 00
A. J. Churchill,	teacher,	"	80 00
Alice Lovejoy,	"	"	60 00
Mrs. M. Conroy,	janitor,	"	7 00
Retha Glover,	teacher,	"	60 00

Approved Sept. 2d, 1899, the following:

Paid C. A. Bessee,	cleaning,	'99,	\$ 2 00
Fred V. Abbott,	fuel,	"	12 00
Rum. Falls Pub. Co.,	printing,	"	19 55
J. N. Welch,	trucking,	"	17 44
E. F. Elliott,	fuel,	"	10 00

Approved Oct. 7th, 1899, the following:

Paid Annie J. Martin,	teacher,	'99,	30 00
Ina Parlin,	"	"	28 00
Jennie Martin,	"	"	44 00
Sara E. Eaton,	"	"	28 00
Lilla Curtis,	"	"	44 00
Sue Thompson,	"	"	48 00
Rum. Falls Pub. Co.	printing,	"	19 00
Alice E. Fisher,	teacher,	"	50 00
Esther Moore,	"	"	24 00
Mary Howe,	"	"	40 00
Mrs. Wm. Ackley,	cleaning,	"	2 00
Henry C. Rolfe,	janitor,	"	8 30
L. E. Fox,	"	"	41 72
J. J. Calhoun,	sundries,	"	19 88
J. H. McKeeman,	fuel,	"	4 50
Wm. Hopkins,	"	"	30 00
Anna Farnum,	teacher,	"	40 00

Approved Nov. 4, 1899, the following:

Paid John Welch,	trucking,	'99,	4 00
Ina L. Parlin,	teacher,	"	28 00
Annie J. Martin,	"	"	24 00
Sara Eaton,	"	"	28 00
Jennie Martin,	"	"	44 00
L. E. Fox,	janitor,	"	22 22
J. J. Calhoun,	sundries,	"	2 45
F. O. Walker,	"	"	10 90
Alice E. Fisher,	teacher,	"	50 00

Paid Fred V. Abbott,	fuel,	'99	\$, 6 25
Sue A. Thompson,	teacher,	"	48 00
Esther L. Moore,	"	"	24 00
Mary E. Howe,	"	"	40 00
Harry C. Rolfe,	janitor,	"	8 32
Lilla E. Curtis,	teacher,	"	44 00
A. C. Segar,	fuel,	"	11 70
G. W. Curtis,	"	"	18 00

Approved Dec. 2d, 1899, the following:

Paid Esther Moore,	teacher,	'99,	24 00
J. J. Calhoun,	supplies,	"	1 75
Mabel Curtis,	teacher,	"	72 00
Annie J. Martin,	"	"	24 00
Sara E. Eaton,	"	"	28 00
Jennie Martin,	"	"	44 00
Sue A. Thompson,	"	"	48 00
Alice E. Fisher,	"	"	50 00
Mary E. Howe,	"	"	40 00
A. J. Churchill,	"	"	108 00
Lilla E. Curtis,	"	"	44 00
Arthur L. Bryant,	janitor,	"	6 00
Susie L. Howard,	teacher,	"	72 00
Ina L. Parlin,	"	"	28 00
Retha Glover,	"	"	72 00
Juliet Kimball,	"	"	78 00
Luania O. Lane,	"	"	48 00
Pearl M. Elliott,	"	"	108 00
Lucy A. Lufkin,	"	"	96 00
Alice Lovejoy,	"	"	72 00
Mary E. Martin,	"	"	72 00
Mary E. Hoyt,	"	"	72 00
Walter Small,	janitor,	"	6 00
Ina Silver,	teacher,	"	84 00
Lucena Graham,	"	"	72 00
Lewis E. Fox,	janitor,	"	22 49
Harry Rolfe,	"	"	8 32
Anna Farnum,	teacher,	"	80 00

Approved Jan. 6, 1900, the following:

Paid Mrs. Thos. Falardo, conveyance,	'99,	\$	15	00
Mrs. Lucilla R. Wyman, "	"		33	00
John F. Martin, fuel,	"		14	00
Lewis E. Fox, janitor,	"		11	11
Charles N. Porter, water,	"		14	00
Lilla E. Curtis, teacher,	"		55	00
Frank E. Abbott, conveyance,	"		10	00
Mertie E. Wentworth, teacher,	"		12	60
L. E. Fox, janitor,	"		27	77
J. H. McKeeman, fuel,	"		240	68
Jennie Martin, teacher,	"		55	00
Alice E. Fisher, "	"		62	50
Mary E. Howe, "	"		50	00
Sue A. Thompson, "	"		60	00
Ina Parlin, "	"		35	00

\$7,142 28

SUMMARY.

Paid out for '98,	\$1,895	50
" " " '99,	5,246	78
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	\$7,142	28
Amt. appropriated and raised,	\$3,500	00
" " " "	350	00
" " " "	2,250	00
Amt. recd. from fund,	175	80
" " " State,	2,081	44
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	\$8,357	24
Paid out as per above items,	7,142	28
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Undrawn,	\$1,214	96

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Paid C. W. Cary,	teacher, Apr. 1st, 1899,	\$ 88 88
Mrs. C. W. Cary,	" " " "	48 00
Robt. Alexander,	" May 6, "	130 00
Mrs. C. W. Cary,	" " " "	48 00
C. W. Cary,	" " " "	88 88
C. W. Cary,	" June 3, "	88 88
Mrs. C. W. Cary,	" " " "	48 00
C. W. Cary,	" " 16, "	44 44
Mrs. C. W. Cary,	" " " "	24 00
Mrs. C. W. Cary,	" Oct. 7, "	50 00
C. W. Cary,	" " " "	100 00
Mrs. C. W. Cary,	" Nov. 4, "	50 00
C. W. Cary,	" " " "	100 00
C. W. Cary,	" Dec. 2, "	100 00
Mrs. C. W. Cary,	" " " "	50 00
Alice E. Fisher,	" Jan. 6, 1900,	25 00
C. W. Cary,	" " " "	75 00
C. W. Cary,	" Feb. 3, "	100 00
Mrs. C. W. Cary,	" " " "	62 50
Bills paid before first meeting of committee for 1899 and 1900,		136 88
		<hr/> \$1,458 46

SUMMARY.

Amount raised for free high schools,	\$1,200 00
Tuition already collected,	103 50
Amount due from State,	250 00
	<hr/> \$1,553 50
Paid out as per above items,	1,458 46
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Undrawn,	\$95 04

TEXT BOOKS.

Cash paid out by bills approved by the superintending school committee:

T. H. Castor & Co.,	\$ 2 97
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	5 75
Ginn & Co.,	16 67
William Ward & Co.,	11 40
M. F. Corson, express,	9 10

Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	\$ 10 41
A. Z. Cates,	6 25
Ginn & Co.,	69 01
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	14 40
D. C. Heath & Co.,	3 60
American Book Co.,	6 00
Leach, Sewell & Sanborn,	5 40
Daniel Appleton & Co.,	4 05
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	3 12
“ “ “	43 35
Ginn & Co.,	121 15
Harper Bros.,	5 64
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	22 31
American Book Co.,	45 97
G. W. Johnson,	16 07
J. J. Calhoun,	6 45
F. O. Walker,	8 00
R. F. Publishing Co.,	2 50
A. Z. Cates,	1 00
John J. Calhoun,	2 55
G. W. Johnson,	1 44
R. F. Publishing Co.,	4 00
D. C. Heath & Co.,	1 98
Zeigler Electric Co.,	59 70
R. F. Publishing Co.,	7 50
D. C. Heath & Co.,	2 70
A. Z. Cates,	17 45
D. C. Heath & Co.,	28 35
American Book Co.,	37 37
Houghton Mifflin Co.,	6 74
Ginn & Co.,	71 63
R. F. Publishing Co.,	1 25
Silver Burdett & Co.,	23 94
American Book Co.,	54 02
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	2 86
A. Z. Cates,	20 13

G. W. Johnson,	\$ 5 95
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	1 41
F. O. Walker,	14 60
A. Z. Cates,	8 68
G. W. Johnson,	2 40
Howard Bros.,	3 65
Silver Burdett & Co.,	3 46
Ginn & Co.,	3 75
R. F. Publishing Co.,	2 50
A. Z. Cates,	2 75
G. W. Johnson,	1 15
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	\$834 48

SUMMARY.

Bills paid for '97,	\$ 45 97	
“ “ '98,	136 96	
“ “ '99,	651 55	
	<hr/>	\$ 834 48
Undrawn,	15 52	
	<hr/>	\$ 850 00
Amount appropriated at annual meet- ing,	\$500 00	
Amount advanced by vote of special meeting,	350 00	
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REPAIRS.

Appropriated and raised for repairs on school houses,	\$600 00
Received from Hugh J. Chisholm,	100 00
“ “ lumber sold,	3 00
“ “ C. W. Cary's pupils,	45 00
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	\$748 00

By cash paid out by bills approved by the superintending school committee :

F. O. Walker,	\$ 68 99
William R. Burt,	17 05
J. J. Calhoun,	10 35
Lander & Bisbee,	5 94
J. E. Abbott,	1 25
A. J. Colcord,	3 00
E. L. Bartlett,	2 50
R. H. Dearborn, insurance,	20 63
W. I. White,	22 48
W. Virgin,	1 00
Lander & Bisbee,	7 15
A. H. Silver,	4 50
A. E. Morrison, insurance,	9 50
F. O. Walker,	13 98
W. R. Burt,	10 35
F. O. Walker,	1 15
V. A. Linnell,	225 00
V. A. Linnell,	1 52
A. E. Morrison, insurance,	14 25
William R. Burt,	24 25
Fred B. Carroll,	14 02
John J. Calhoun,	2 50
William R. Burt,	8 35
G. T. Silver & Co.,	94 49
A. E. Morrison, insurance,	14 25
Fred A. Porter, “	8 00
F. W. Curneil,	9 16
V. A. Linnell,	14 40
Piqua School Furniture Works,	61 25
Howard Bros.,	5 00
F. B. Carroll,	11 25
W. R. Burt,	2 00
M. F. Virgin,	85
F. B. Carroll,	5 25

Piqua School Furniture Works,	\$ 6 62
Stanley Bisbee,	26 54
W. I. White,	12 23
J. J. Calhoun,	14 75
F. B. Carroll,	4 33
John Darrah,	50
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	\$780 58

Bill not approved by the superintending school committee:

Rumford Falls Light & Water Co., use of hydrant at high school building,	30 00
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	\$810 58

SUMMARY.

Bills paid for 1896,	\$ 1 75
“ “ “ 1897,	21 29
“ “ “ 1898,	168 71
“ “ “ 1899,	618 83
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	\$810 58
A'mt. of appropriations etc., as above,	748 00
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Overdrawn,	\$ 62 58

VIRGINIA SCHOOL HOUSE. (Special fund.)

To amount voted at special meeting, \$500.

By paid C. L. Howard, Oct. 7, 1899,	\$300 00
John Welch, Nov. 4, “	17 92
W. R. Burt, “ “ “	5 00
C. L. Howard, “ “ “	16 94
Piqua School Furnishing Co.,	117 60
By balance unexpended,	42 54
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Total,	\$500 00

MAINE AVE. SCHOOL HOUSE. (Special fund.)

To amount voted at special meeting, \$500.		
By paid Piqua School Fur. Co., Dec. 2d, 1899,		\$141 00
John Welch, " " "		15 52
E. P. Wood, Jan. 6, 1900,		248 75
By balance unexpended,		94 73
Total,		<hr/> \$500 00

ESTIMATES.

Amount advanced by town to be assessed in
1900, \$2,950 00

FOR 36 WEEKS' SCHOOLS.

Common school,	\$5,500 00
Books,	700 00
Repairs,	600 00
	<hr/> \$6,800 00

FOR 30 WEEKS' SCHOOLS.

Common school,	\$4,200 00
Books,	700 00
Repairs,	600 00
	<hr/> \$5,500 00

HIGH SCHOOL.

36 Weeks, \$1,800.00

Estimates based on present attendance and existing circumstances. Indications are that by next fall there will be many more scholars.

Respectfully submitted,

By school board,

G. WILLARD JOHNSON, Sec'y.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE CITIZENS OF RUMFORD:

In accordance with the requirements of law, I respectfully submit the following report of the condition of your schools:

When I took charge of your schools, I found that they were doing excellent work and making rapid advancement. From my personal observations, and the reports of the teachers, I believe that the same good work and rapid advancement have been going on this year, and that the same care has been taken to properly instruct the pupils in that "self-control, courtesy, unselfishness, truthfulness, and all the virtues necessary for noble and pure manhood and womanhood," which the late Mr. Corson spoke of in his last report.

At the request of the committee I collected during the summer all the text-books throughout the town, and I found many in very poor condition. Such as had any service in them were renumbered. I found that practically we had no First, Second or Third readers, and since then we have purchased a supply of Baldwin's Readers for these grades.

REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTION.

The East Ellis school house has been newly shingled, sheathed and painted inside; also a new hard wood floor has been laid and modern desks put in.

The second floor in the Virginia school building has been finished off and is now ready for use, except for a stove and teacher's desk. Modern desks were put into this room. Before this room is used, however, there should be a post set to support the floor timbers, as there is already a sag in the timbers of a few inches.

The Maine Avenue school house has had the room on the second floor finished off, and furnished with modern desks, and is now occupied by the third grade. (Miss Eaton, teacher.)

Many of the schools need new blackboards, and I would recommend boards like those purchased this year of the Piqua School Furniture Works for one of the recitation rooms in the High School building. They give promise of durability and the cost is little more than it costs to make good boards on the painted walls of the room.

All the furnaces should be examined by someone having knowledge in such matters. None of them, except perhaps that of the Maine Avenue building, give satisfaction. We put in a cold air box in the High School building, but it has failed in all beneficial results.

JANITORS.

Although we have been able to reduce the cost of janitors this year to some considerable extent, yet it is my personal opinion that it can and should be still reduced from \$50 to \$75.

COURSE OF STUDY.

A new course of study has been outlined for our schools this year. It is not so inflexible but that teachers have considerable leeway, yet it enables teachers to make proper classification and to know "where they are at."

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

The schools will need as much, or more, this year as they had during last. Before the next winter term they will need new histories, geographies, fourth and perhaps fifth readers, globes and maps. There are no fifth readers in town, having been doing supplementary reading after leaving the fourth grade. I believe in supplementary work, but I believe a good foundation should be first laid by regular work, also that there is such a thing as overdoing it.

TEACHERS.

So far as possible, we have employed the same teachers this year that were employed last year. We have a fine body of teachers. I have received many favors and considerations from them, and I wish here to express my appreciation for the assistance and favors rendered.

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

The High School library has received donations of books, periodicals, etc., from the following named persons: Hon. Chas. E. Littlefield, E. N. Carver, E. K. Day, C. W. Cary, and the students.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School is in first class condition, and should be supported by every citizen. It has a good corps of teachers and pupils are making rapid advancement.

SUPERINTENDENCY.

The town needs a superintendent who has had large experience in educational work, one who can devote his time almost exclusively to school matters. No business or professional man, (if he has any business) can make you a good superintendent. Besides this a good

superintendent should be retained, for a constant change from year to year is expensive to the town, for it disturbs the existing system if there be one, (and there certainly should) and thus arrests the advancement and the development of your schools. A poor system constantly maintained is better than a good one constantly interrupted. Growth and progression are an advantage, but revolution is as dangerous to school systems as it is to government. I believe that it would be advantageous to unite with one or more towns in the employment of a school superintendent. By so doing each of the towns will have the advantage of having its schools superintended by a man well qualified for the work. Without such a union this is impossible.

Very respectfully submitted,

G. WILLARD JOHNSON, Supt.

Rumford Schools for year 1899-'00

Term.	Teacher.	No. Wks. in term.	No. attdg.	Average No.	Wages per week.
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NORTH RUMFORD.

Spring.	Mary E. Hoyt.	10	9	8.8	\$ 6 00
Fall.	Susie L. Howard.	12	10	9.25	6 00
Winter.*	Susie L. Howard.				6 00

EAST ELLIS.

Spring.	Mabel Curtis.	10	11	10	6 00
Fall.	Mabel Curtis.	12	12	9.64	6 00
Winter.*	Harry G. Elliott.				6 00

RUMFORD POINT.

Spring.	Pearl A. Robertson.	10	11	9	6 00
Fall.	Mary E. Hoyt.	12	10	6.9	6 00
Winter.	(No school except High school.)				
Winter.	High school.				13 00

RED HILL.

Spring.	Ina Silver.	10	22	19	7 00
Fall.	Ina Silver.	12	20	17	7 00
Winter.*	Ina Silver.				7 00

RUMFORD CORNER.

Spring.	Mrs. H. L. Small.	10	9	8	6 00
Fall.	Mary Martin.	12	8	7	6 00
Winter.*	Mary Martin.				6 00

ABBOTT'S MILLS.

Spring.	Alice Lovejoy.	10	12	9	6 00
Fall.	Alice Lovejoy.	12	13	11	6 00
Winter.*	Mary E. Hoyt.				6 00

RUMFORD CENTER.

Spring.	Lucy Lufkin.	10	20	18	8 00
Fall.	Lucy Lufkin.	12	25	21	8 00
Winter.*	Anna O. Farnum.				8 00

ASSISTANT.

Spring.	Florence Kimball.	10	14	12	5 00
Fall.	Lucena Graham.	12	18	15	6 00
Winter.*	Lucena Graham.				6 00

EAST RUMFORD.

Spring.	Juliet Kimball.	10	13	12	\$ 6 50
Fall.	Juliet Kimball.	12	11	10	
Winter.*	Retha Glover.				

FRANKLIN ANNEX.

Spring.	Luania Lane.	10	10	9.5	4 00
Fall.	Luania Lane.	12	12	10	4 00
Winter.	(No school.)				

THURSTON'S.

Spring.	Mary Martin.	9	9	7.5	6 00
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SOUTH RUMFORD.

Spring.	Annie J. Martin.	10	11	7	6 00
Fall.	Annie J. Martin.	1	5	5	6 00
Winter.*	Joe Hamlin.				6 00

VIRGINIA.

Spring.	Anna O. Farnum.	10	43	33	10 00
Fall.	Anna O. Farnum.	12	41	29	10 00
Winter.*	Annie J. Martin.				8 00

PERU ANNEX.

Spring.	A. J. Churchill.	10	29	20	8 00
Fall.	A. J. Churchill.	12	29	19.84	9 00
Winter.	Lucien Blanchard.				9 00

ISTHMUS.

Spring.	Ina Parlin.	10	18	14	6 00
Fall.	Retha Glover.	12	14	7.7	6 00
Winter.*	Alice Lovejoy.				6 00

SWAIN ROAD.

Spring.	Retha Glover.	10	8	7	6 00
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TOLL BRIDGE.

Spring.	Pearl M. Elliott.	10	25	19	9 00
Fall.	Pearl M. Elliott.	12	22	18	9 00
Winter.*	Pearl M. Elliott.				9 00

RUMFORD FALLS VILLAGE.

GRADE I.

Spring.	Mary E. Howe.	10	51	41.4	\$10 00
Fall.	Mary E. Howe.	12	78	50	10 00
Winter.*	Mary E. Howe.				10 00

GRADE II.

Spring.	Jennie C. Martin.	10	41	34.4	10 00
Fall.	Ina Parlin.	12	30	24	7 00
Winter.*	Ina Parlin.				7 00

GRADE III.

Spring.	Sara E. Eaton.	10	27	20.5	7 00
Fall.	Sara E. Eaton.	12	42	31.9	7 00
Winter.*	Sara E. Eaton.				7 00

GRADE IV.

Spring.	Lilla E. Curtis.	10	37	33.33	11 00
Fall.	Jennie C. Martin.	12	31	29.5	11 00
Winter.*	Jennie C. Martin.				11 00

GRADES V AND VI.

Spring.	Sue Thompson.	10	42	40	12 00
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GRADE V.

Fall.	Lilla E. Curtis.	12	31	28.2	11 00
Winter.*	Lilla E. Curtis.				11 00

GRADES VI, VII AND VIII.

Fall.	Sue Thompson.	12	55	51	12 00
Winter.*	Sue Thompson.				12 00

GRADE VIII.

Spring.	Harlan M. Bisbee.	(N. B., foot note.)			12 00
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GRADE IX.

Fall.	Alice E. Fisher.	(N. B., foot note.)			12 50
Winter.*	Alice E. Fisher.				12 50

N. B. Grade VIII, spring term, and Grade IX, fall and winter terms, have no separate register, being registered in High school, and these teachers in addition to their work in these grades, assisted in the High school branches.

HIGH SCHOOL.

RUMFORD FALLS.

C. W. Cary, Prin., Mrs. C. W. Cary, Asst.

				(Per Mo.)
Spring.	10	53	41.4	\$ 88 88
Fall.	14	59	50.8	100 00
Winter.*	14			100 00

Wages of Asst., \$12.00 per week. Fall and winter, \$12.50.

RUMFORD POINT.

Commenced Jan. 9, 1900. In session at present time. Ten weeks at \$13.00 per week. E. H. Gleason, teacher.

Whole number of scholars in town, 845.

Whole number different scholars registered, 641.

(*) In session when this report is made.

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